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NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA FACTORYVILLE.

Floyd Wrigley, of Lake Carey, has been spending a few days in town. Don't forget the "Wax social" tomorrow evening at the home of H. L. Harding. A good time is guaranteed to bring your "knitting work" and spend the evening.

In looking over an old relic in the shape of a "scrap book" the other day, we noticed a marriage ceremony that was solemnized by a county justice (not many miles from here) away long back in the 'twenties. It graphically illustrates the style of tying the knot back in those days, compared with the present day. Thinking it good enough for our readers to digest we give it in the following: "A newly-deceased justice of the peace who had been used to drawing deals and other little else, was called upon by his first official act to marry a couple, who came into his office very hurriedly and told him their purpose. He lost no time in removing his hat and remarked, "Hats off in the presence of the court." All being mentioned he said, "Hold up your right hands; you, John, do solemnly swear that to the best of your knowledge and belief you take this young woman for home and to hold your wife, her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, for your and her sole and separate use, to have and to hold forever, and you do further swear that you are lawfully in free single, are free from all incumbrances, and you give right to sell, bargain and convey to the said stranger your self, your heirs, administrators and assigns." "I do," said the bride rather doubtfully. "Well, John, that'll be about a dollar 'n' fifty cents." "Are you married?" asked the bride. "Yes, when the fee comes in." After some fumbling it was produced and handed to the court, who pocketed it and continued: "Know all men by these presents, that I, being in good health and of sound and disposing mind, in consideration of a dollar 'n' fifty cents to me in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby declare and have declared you man and wife during good behavior and till otherwise ordered by the court."

This brings to our mind a circumstance that happened during the life of the late Rev. Dr. Ross. A couple came to his residence on a night very anxious to have the marital knot fastened for life, but the groom said that he did not have any money to recompense the minister, but he had a good crop of onions, and that he would be willing to give two bushels of onions to have the job done, and the other had performed the marriage ceremony that made the couple man and wife. But the "onions" never came. The groom was so much infatuated with his new wife, that he entirely forgot to deliver the "two bushels of onions."

Professor Hully and family left yesterday for Montgomery, Pa., where they will spend the holidays. The West Abington "Patriotic club" raised the stars and stripes last Saturday on one of the two public schools in that township with appropriate and patriotic services.

Professor Gay and family are spending the holidays at Clark's Summit. Miss Emerson Sweet is confined to her room by illness. O. E. NOTES. Pawlona Rebekah lodge, No. 58, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will install officers this evening.

Tunkhannock lodge is arranging for an Odd Fellows' day in Wyoming county in the near future. The Grand lodge officers will hold a special session of the grand lodge there this winter and Tunkhannock lodge proposes to take advantage of the session, and invite all Odd Fellows in Wyoming county to visit them. The three degree teams of the county will convene in conferring each one of the three degrees, which will be followed by a banquet. The opera house will be obtained for the occasion and perhaps a parade will be participated in during the day, in which the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre "Canton" of Patriarch Militants will take part.

Red Jacket lodge, No. 524, conferred the Second and Third degrees upon three candidates last Saturday night, special dispensation being granted for the third by District Deputy Grand Master Overfield.

The Rebekah lodge of this place contemplates a visit to their sister lodge in Scranton in the near future. Preparations are already being made to celebrate the forty-second anniversary of Red Jacket lodge on Feb. 1, 1858. Factoryville-encampment expects to initiate several new members the coming month, and give a social and supper in the near future.

There is now bright prospects of having a Canton of Patriarch Militant located here in a short time.

HONESDALE.

Miss Harriet Stanton, who has been spending several weeks with friends in New Jersey, returned to her home on Saturday.

W. C. Lott, late superintendent of the Honesdale electric light plant, left yesterday for Brooklyn, N. Y., where he has accepted a foremanship with the Electric Manufacturing company works.

Mr. Russell Van Kuren is home from New York to spend Christmas with his parents.

The cold wave reached here on Saturday and the street-corner loungers were not found in their accustomed place Sunday evening.

Our public schools will close at noon on Friday for a vacation of one week. The Sunday school Christmas exercises of the Baptist school will take place Thursday evening of this week.

Miss Margaret Keeler sang a beautiful solo at the Sunday morning service in the Presbyterian church.

The Christmas exercises of both Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28.

The Presbyterian parsonage is nearing completion. Carpenters are finishing the interior wood work. The outside work is all done, except painting.

The old tenement house of Mrs. Ball at the corner of Park and East streets is being remodelled. A part is being torn down. The remaining part of the building will be moved back from the street, and a new rear addition will be added.

Miss Marcia Allen presides as organist in the Presbyterian church during the absence of Miss Emma Ward. Two other skins, selected by Rev. G. B. Stone; opening address, Clarence Knapp; scripture reading, Rev. G. B. Stone; address, Mary Jones; singing, "Welcome Beautiful Day," school; recitation, "Sing and Be Glad," school; recitation, "What Saw the Shepherd," Alice Box; chorus, by the Shepherdesses; solo, "So He Has Come," chorus, by school; scripture topics, Miss Mamee Brodd's class; recitation, Hyla Jones; solo, "Pity the Poor;" chorus, by school; recitation, "A Merry Christmas to All," Florence Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth F. Ames and daughter, Hyla, spent Sunday with relatives at Waymart.

Thomas Maxey, of Royal, this county, was in town.

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THE MARKETS.

Wall Street Review. New York, Dec. 20.—For a few special efforts to continue the rise of Saturday, today's stock market fell back into a decline and failed to recuperate. The aggregate volume of some of the specialties at the opening served to sustain the market for a time and to give it an appearance of strength, but realization of the general line went hand in hand with the manipulation for a rise in the specialties, and even the stocks which had shown wide gains lost practically all after the large operators had taken their profits in the general list. The total sales were 12,649 shares.

Chicago Grain Market. Chicago, Dec. 20.—The leading futures ranged as follows: Wheat—December, \$1.00 1/2; January, 94 1/2; May, 92 1/2; Corn—December, 32 1/2; January, 29 1/2; May, 27 1/2; Oats—December, 21 1/2; January, 20 1/2; May, 19 1/2; Rye—December, 24 1/2; January, 23 1/2; May, 22 1/2; Barley—December, 23 1/2; January, 22 1/2; May, 21 1/2.

New York Live Stock. New York, Dec. 20.—Beef—Active. High quality, \$12.00; medium, \$11.50; low, \$11.00; Hogs—Active. High quality, \$6.00; medium, \$5.50; low, \$5.00.

East Liberty Cattle Market. East Liberty, Pa., Dec. 20.—Cattle—Steady; prime, \$12.00; medium, \$11.50; low, \$11.00; Hogs—Active. High quality, \$6.00; medium, \$5.50; low, \$5.00.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Dec. 20.—Cattle—Steady and strong; beef steers, \$11.50; common lots, \$11.00; fat cows, \$10.50; Hogs—Active. High quality, \$6.00; medium, \$5.50; low, \$5.00.

Oil Market. Oil City, Pa., Dec. 20.—Credit balances, 65; certificates, first bid, 67; 1,000 barrels options sold at 67; 500 cash sold at 66; 100 cash, 65 1/2; 100 cash, 65 1/2; 100 cash, 65 1/2.

AVOCA. Mr. J. H. Stekler is spending his vacation with friends in Newark, N. J. Mr. William Dixon has returned from St. Bonaventure's college to spend Christmas at the home of his parents.

The Italians of Durvay are contemplating erecting a church near the Lackawanna station. The skating on the Hillside Pond is excellent and was enjoyed by a great many yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hengood, of Pittston, spent Sunday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hopkins. Messrs. Joseph Kehoe and Michael O'Hearn, of Girardville, are guests at the Moran residence.

Mr. C. B. Sutherland, of Wilkes-Barre, was a visitor in town yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Brown, of Peckville, spent Sunday at the Brown residence.

Mrs. A. J. O'Malley, of the West Side, is seriously ill of herumatism. Miss Nettie McCune, of Scranton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thomas, of Grove street.

Mrs. James Cuffney and her mother, Mrs. Frank Harris, are spending a few days in Philadelphia. Mrs. J. L. Harris was a visitor at the home of her sister, in Green Ridge, yesterday.

On Friday evening, while Robert Patterson, of Meosic, was returning home from Avoca, he was attacked by several vicious fellows and severely beaten about the head. When they released him of his money they left him bleeding and in a state where he was picked up a few hours afterward.

The West Avoca football team played an exciting game with the Peckville team on Saturday afternoon on the latter's grounds. Score, 2 to 0.

Master Joseph O'Neil and sisters, Agnes and Alice, have returned home after a few days' visit among friends in town. The Worth comedians will be the attraction at the Sardfield Opera house on Friday and Saturday evenings. An excellent comedy entitled "Count de Million's Reception" will be presented at family prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

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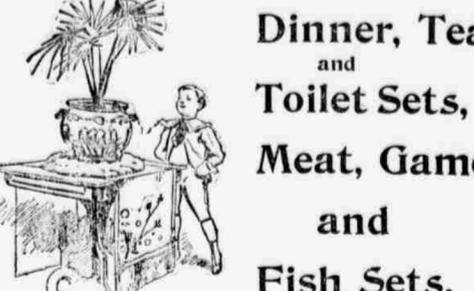
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